

Dear Sir or Madam

As a CT fly fisherman, I would strongly urge you to keep the Kesington Fish hatchery open and not close it for budgetary reasons. CT is only one of the few, if not the only, New England state to stock brood stock Atlantic Salmon. I and other CT fisherman enjoy the sport this resource provides and I personally know anglers from surround states that travel to CT specifically for the purpose of fishing for the Atlantic Salmon. Since the decline in the Atlantic Salmon's habitat in the Northeastern United States, the only remain places one can fish for this majestic and fabled species is in Canada or travel to Iceland or Scandinavia at great expense. Please preserve this valuable resource and the local expertise in raising these fish.

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